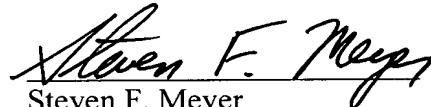


Remarks

Claims 1-12 have been amended to replace the phrase "characterized in that" with "wherein" to provide proper antecedent basis for terms recited therein and thereby conform to U.S. practice. Claims 3-5, 7, 8, and 10-12 have been rewritten to eliminate multiple claim dependency. New claims 13-20 have been added to more clearly define the invention. In addition, the format of the specification has been amended to conform with US practice.

Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is introduced by these amendments, and respectfully request entry thereof prior to examination on the merits.

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